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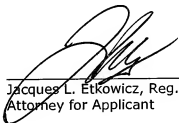
Claims 1-11 are pending. Claims 1, 4-5 and 11 stand rejected. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication that claims 2-3 and 6-10 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

By this Amendment, applicant has added the features of allowable claim 2 into claim 1, thus rendering claim 1 allowable. Applicant has also amended claims 3, 7 and 9 to depend upon claim 1. Claims 4-6, 8 and 10-11 ultimately depend upon claim 1. Thus, applicant submits that claims 1 and 3-11 are in condition for allowance.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, applicant submits that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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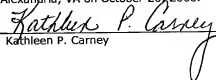
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